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W. E. B. Du Bois Du Bois explains life for the black people after the emancipation and how nothing had changed as they had expected. There were no miracles in changing the treatment of the black people by the whites. They were still seen as slaves who were social degenerates and would not be offered any high social status. Their fight for freedom may have earned them only voting rights but the people they were voting for made no difference to their lives and the race still remained to be disregarded.

Forty years after gaining freedom from slavery and nothing has changed in the work area, the culture or even the liberty of the people. The African Americans are yet to be accepted by the whites as their equals whether in careers or politics and this causes much rift between the two races as well as intensifies the animosity from the adults to the children. Slavery even though not openly mentioned is the root cause of the problem and it is not bound to end soon as long as liberty is non-existence in reality and not just in books and papers.

I have experience how being different makes one feel conspicuous and vulnerable like they can never amount to much or succeed in anything. This is the same feeling the African Americans have to endure even when they have advanced in careers and taken white collar jobs. They still feel like rejects and their work not taken as seriously as that of the white people is taken. Change in attitude is the key to real emancipation.

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